

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of manipulating a map, comprising:
selecting a boundary of a geographic region, which is present on both a first map and a second map, in [[a]] the first map;
converting first map coordinates designating the boundary in the selected of the geographic region [[of]] selected on the first map into geographic coordinates using a georeferencing function of the first map a corresponding boundary in a second map;
converting the geographic coordinates to corresponding second map coordinates designating the boundary of the geographic region on the second map using a georeferencing function of the second map; and
~~upon selecting the boundary, simultaneously configuring the boundary in the first~~ map for display in a first area of a display and configuring the corresponding boundary ~~in the second map for display in a second area of the display~~ automatically adjusting a boundary of the second map to conform to the shape of the geographic region.

2 - 12. (Canceled)

13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 further comprising receiving a user input to select a new geographic region in the first map.

14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13 further comprising determining a plurality of georeferenced coordinates for the new geographic region.

15. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13 further comprising determining a plurality of georeferenced coordinates for a new boundary in the second map, such that the new boundary coordinates in the second map correspond to new boundary coordinates in the first map.

16. (Original) The method of claim 14 further comprising configuring the new boundary of the first map for display.

17. (Original) The method of claim 15 further comprising configuring the new boundary of the second map for display.

18. (Canceled)

19. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~[[18]]~~ 1, further comprising:

~~displaying a first region of the first map, and a second region of the second map, wherein the first region is substantially similar to the second region;~~

receiving a user input to select a new boundary of a new geographic area in the first map;

determining geographic coordinates for the new boundary in the first map; and

determining geographic coordinates for a new boundary of the new geographic area in the second map such that the geographic coordinates for the new boundary in the second map relate to the new boundary in the first map.

20. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium containing instructions executable by a computer to perform a method to manipulate a map, the method comprising:

selecting a boundary ~~[[in]]~~ of a geographic region, which is present on both a first map and a second map, in the ~~[[of a]]~~ first map;

converting first map coordinates designating the boundary of the geographic region selected on the first map into geographic coordinates using a georeferencing function of the first map;

converting the geographic coordinates to corresponding second map coordinates designating the boundary of the geographic region on the second map using a georeferencing function of the second map; ~~the boundary into a corresponding boundary in a second map; and~~

~~upon selecting the boundary, simultaneously displaying the boundary in the first map in a first area of a display and displaying the corresponding boundary in the second map in a second area of the display~~ automatically adjusting a boundary of the second map to conform to the shape of the geographic region.

21. (Currently Amended) A method of manipulating a map, the method comprising:

displaying a first map and a second map, wherein a background of the first map is transparent such that features of both the first map and the second map are visible;

selecting a boundary of a geographic region, which is present on both the first map and the second map, in the first map; [[and]]

converting first map coordinates designating the boundary of the geographic region selected on the first map into geographic coordinates using a georeferencing function of the first map;

converting the geographic coordinates to corresponding second map coordinates designating the boundary of the geographic region on the second map using a georeferencing function of the second map; and

~~upon selecting the boundary in the first map, simultaneously~~ automatically adjusting a boundary of the second map to ~~display the selected~~ conform to the shape of the geographic region.

22. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium containing instructions executable by a computer to perform a method of manipulating a map, the method comprising:

displaying a first map and a second map, wherein a background of the first map is transparent such that features of both the first map and the second map are visible;

selecting a boundary of a geographic region, which is present on both the first map and the second map, in the first map; [[and]]

converting first map coordinates designating the boundary of the geographic region selected on the first map into geographic coordinates using a georeferencing function of the first map;

converting the geographic coordinates to corresponding second map coordinates designating the boundary of the geographic region on the second map using a georeferencing function of the second map; and

~~upon selecting the boundary in the first map, simultaneously~~ automatically adjusting a boundary of the second map to ~~display the selected~~ conform to the shape of the geographic region.

23. (Currently Amended) A system for manipulating a map, the system comprising:

a map display;

a map processing platform in communication with the map display, wherein the map processing platform is adapted to:

display a first map and a second map, wherein a background of the first map is transparent such that features of both the first map and the second map are visible;

select a boundary of a geographic region, which is present on both the first map and the second map, in the first map; [[and]]

convert first map coordinates designating the boundary of the geographic region selected on the first map into geographic coordinates using a georeferencing function of the first map;

convert the geographic coordinates to corresponding second map coordinates designating the boundary of the geographic region on the second map using a georeferencing function of the second map; and

automatically simultaneously adjust a boundary of the second map to display ~~the selected~~ conform to the shape of the geographic region ~~upon selection of the boundary selected~~ in the first map;

a storage platform coupled to the map processing platform; and

a user interaction device coupled to the map processing platform.